

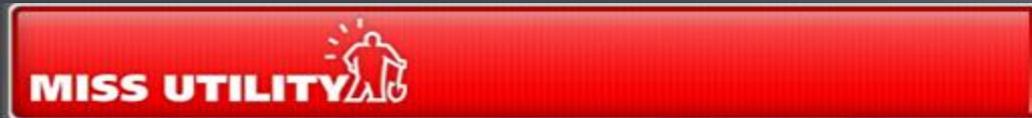
# Miss Utility Call Before You Dig

*It's easy*

*It saves you time and trouble*

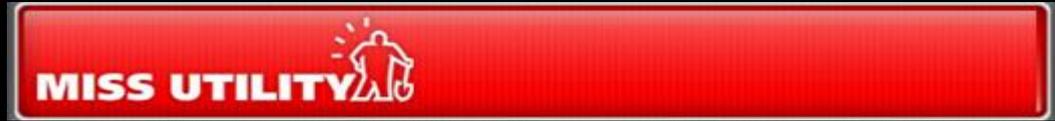
*It's your one call notification system*

*It's the law!!*



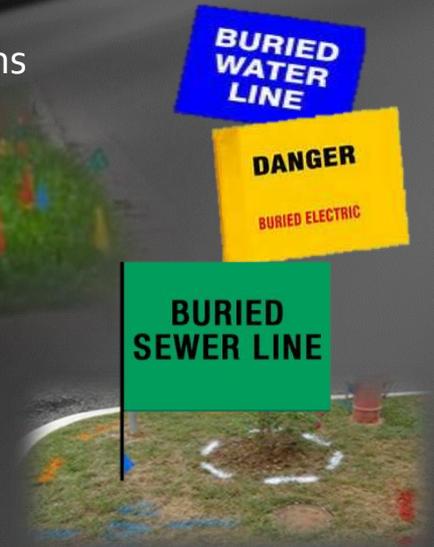
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# What is Miss Utility?



- The approved one call notification center for all projects that require a dig
- A corporation whose purpose is to prevent damage to underground infrastructure by:
  - a) Performing the “approved notification center” and “one call system” functions
  - b) Fostering a sense of shared responsibility for the protection of underground facilities
  - c) Developing and conducting public awareness and education programs

**Remember that Miss Utility does not locate** underground lines itself; it ensures it’s member utilities (including Harford County) are informed about your job site and that they mark their lines prior to any digging



## How do you contact Miss Utility?

- Simply call 811
- Use the internet. The notification center ITIC , maintains an internet application that allows you to input your locate requests live on the internet.

ITIC is a free service and is available to everyone 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Most find ITIC to be a great time saver as opposed to calling locate requests. For more information visit <http://www.missutility.net/itic>



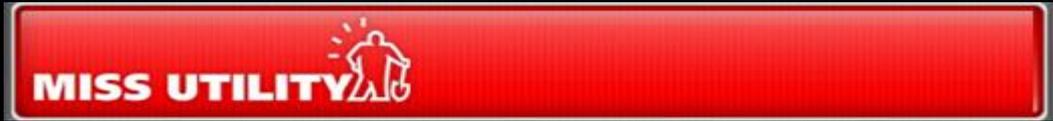


## Who Needs to Contact Miss Utility?

Anyone planning to excavate for jobs both large and small. Before you dig contact Miss Utility for your safety, to protect you from expensive repair costs and because it's the law!

So, if you plan to install a new mailbox, build a shed or plant a garden, contact the Miss Utility Call Center at least two full working days in Maryland (excluding weekends and legal holidays) and (48) prior to your intended digging. Miss Utility will notify owner-member facility/utility line owners of your proposed plans to dig; they in turn will locate (mark your dig site or verify the site is clear) before you put that shovel in the ground.





## Why is Miss Utility Beneficial for Everyone?

- Most underground facility owners are required to become owner-members and thereby receive notification of your planned excavation.
- Owner members are required to respond and/or mark your notice of a planned excavation or demolition.
- Miss Utility acts as a “one stop shopping” location where multiple and complex notification would otherwise be necessary. One call and the notifications are done for you.
- Protects the public, your work crew and the utility from costly repairs and interruption of service when instructions are followed and marked utility locations are carefully monitored.

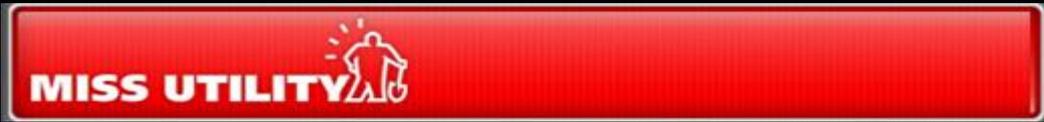


## APWA Approved Standardized Color Markings for Utility Categories

The facility owner or their contract locator will mark the ground with either flags or paint. The colors below are industry standard and each color identifies a specific type of utility. Harford County Water and Sewer Maintenance personnel are responsible for marking both water and sewer lines for your excavation project and typically mark with paint. Those lines will be painted with blue for a potable water line and green for underground sewer or drain lines.

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE		
		<b>WHITE</b> - Proposed Excavation
PMS 806~		<b>PINK</b> - Temporary Survey Markings
PMS 1795~		<b>RED</b> - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
PMS 108		<b>YELLOW</b> - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
PMS 144~		<b>ORANGE</b> - Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
13.5 parts process, 2.5 parts reflex		<b>BLUE</b> - Potable Water
PMS 253		<b>PURPLE</b> - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
PMS 3415		<b>GREEN</b> - Sewers and Drain Lines





Remember excavation damage can cause injury, loss of life and environmental damage. It can also cause interruptions to vital services and can involve tremendous costs that you may be held responsible for should you neglect to contact Miss Utility about your project. So please, dig carefully and

## **Call before you dig!**

- Wait the required time for a positive response from each of the facility owner-members that received your request that the lines are marked or are outside the work area.
- Respect and maintain the marks
- Dig with care (hand dig within 18" of an underground facility mark)

For further information log into the Maryland Miss Utility website:  
<http://www.missutility.net/maryland>



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